

# Homeless Youth and Young Adult Stakeholder Forum



**1/22/2013 | 2 – 3:30PM**

**NAVOS MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER**

**A MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT  
THE CHANGES PLANNED FOR OUR HOMELESS  
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT (YYA) SYSTEM IN  
KING COUNTY.**

Welcome

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# Objectives



- Receive clear updates regarding the 3 priority action steps
- Hear from providers and community partners re: Count Us In and be able to refer YYA
- Offer initial input to the comprehensive plan scope
- Hear funding and other opportunities
- Become familiar with the NAVOS Wellness Campus

# Homeless YYA Initiative



- The YYA Homelessness Initiative will create a more accessible and aligned system of housing and services for youth and young adults across King County. The system will
  - prevent youth in crisis from becoming homeless,
  - reconnect youth with family when it is safe and appropriate to do so;
  - will engage YYA immediately when they do experience homelessness and match them to the housing and services that most fit their needs and best practices; and
  - will collect system-wide data to understand progress towards ending YYA homelessness.

# Priorities for Phase I



- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Data Coordination
- Coordinated Engagement
- Comprehensive YYA Planning



Welcomes &  
Introductions

**What is one thing you have heard or shared with others about the Homeless YYA Initiative: positive, negative, or a question?**

**What does success look like at the end of 2013 for you re: this initiative?**

# Update: Coordinated Engagement



- System Design Draft Completed
- RFP will be released in January for the lead agency
- Reminders:
  - What CE will do, will eventually do
  - What is determined, what is draft



# What Coordinated Engagement *Will & Will Eventually Do:*

## Coordinated Engagement *Will:*

- create a clear process to access housing
- ensure young people are referred to the best housing for them
- ensure the most vulnerable young people have access to housing
- align with Family Housing Connection
- provide unduplicated data on the number of homeless YYA's and their needs
- inform the comprehensive plan

## Coordinated Engagement *Will Eventually:*

- Create more housing
- Reduce wait times for housing
- Make things easier for YYA and providers



# Coordinated Engagement Focus Groups



- Housing Providers
  - ✦ Monday 1/28, 2 – 4pm, Chinook Building
  
- U District – Case Managers
  - ✦ Wednesday 1/30, 9 – 11am, Street Youth Ministries
  
- YMCA Thursday 1/31, 9 – 11am, 2100 Building
  
- New Horizons – Case Managers
  - ✦ Thursday 1/31, 1:30 – 3:30pm, New Horizons

# Update: Data Coordination



CE Has two steps:

- Young people, the first time they arrive at our doorstep, are asked to complete a **community sign-in**.
- When young people ask for housing, they receive a **comprehensive housing assessment**.
- *Both will ask YYA to consent to entry into Safe Harbors*
- *YYA will not be denied access to any service as a result of not giving consent*

# Update: Prevention



# Comprehensive YYA Plan will not yet:



- Be the final say on what is needed in our community to prevent and end homelessness among YYA's
- Identify a complete road map for the integration of all systems

# Comprehensive YYA Plan will:



- Recommend best practices for
  - prevention/family reunification
  - housing and services
- Identify variances to address needs of YYA
- Make initial recommendations around integrating systems
- Identify training and system philosophy change needed
- Identify areas for Phase II future system planning work
- Be one document in an iterative process

Public and private funding will be aligned with the Comprehensive YYA Plan

# Comprehensive YYA Plan: Discussion Questions



- Can we as a community support this plan scope?
- If applicable, what changes would you need to support the scope?
- What is your particular interest?



How are you  
participating in Count  
Us In this  
Thursday/Friday  
morning?

# Are you...

- ☐ **UNSURE WHERE YOU  
WILL SLEEP TONIGHT?**
- ☐ **COUCH SURFING?**
- ☐ **HOMELESS?**

**COME & BE COUNTED!**

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JAN  
24**



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# Count Us In: Open Count Locations



## **Auburn Library**

1102 Auburn Way South  
Auburn, 98002 | 253- 931-3018  
5 – 9pm

## **Ballard Library**

5614 22nd Ave NW  
Seattle, 98107 | 206-684-4089  
4-8pm

## **Bellevue Library**

1111 110th Avenue NE  
Bellevue, 98004 | 425-450-1765  
5 – 9pm

## **Burien Library**

400 SW 152nd Street  
Burien, 98166 | 206-243-3490  
5 – 9pm

## **Capitol Hill Library**

425 Harvard Ave E  
Seattle, 98102 | 206-684-4715  
4-8pm

## **Central Library, Teen Center**

1000 Fourth Ave  
Seattle, 98104 | 206-386-4636  
10am – 8pm

## **Columbia Branch**

4721 Rainier Ave S  
Seattle, 98118 | 206-386-1908  
4-8pm

## **Foster Library**

4060 S 144th St  
Tukwila, 98168 | 206-242-1640  
5 – 9pm

## **Issaquah Library**

10 W Sunset Way  
Issaquah, 98027 | 425-392-5430  
5 – 9pm

## **Northgate Library**

10548 Fifth Ave NE  
Seattle, 98125 | 206-386-1980  
4-8pm

## **Renton Library**

100 Mill Avenue South  
Renton, 98057 | 425-226-6043  
5 – 9pm

## **Southwest Library**

9010 35th Ave SW  
Seattle, 98126 | 206-684-7455  
4-8pm



# Count Us In: Nighttime Count Locations



## **Friends of Youth**

Landing Shelter/Drop In Center | 16225 NE 87th Street, Suite A-1, Redmond 98052  
8:30pm Thursday – 8:30am Friday  
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## **New Horizons**

New Horizons | 2709 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Seattle 98121  
7pm Thursday – 7:30am Friday  
22 and under

## **Peace for the Streets by from Kids from the Streets**

PSKS | 1814 Summit Avenue, Seattle 98122  
9pm Thursday – 9am Friday  
25 and under (for survey) otherwise no age limit

## **Teen Feed**

Teen Feed at University Congregational Church | 4515 16<sup>th</sup> Ave at 45<sup>th</sup> Seattle 98105  
10pm Thursday – 7am Friday  
13 - 25

## **YMCA Young Adult Services**

Matt Griffin YMCA | 3595 S. 188<sup>th</sup> St, Seatac 98188  
Doors open at 8pm Thursday, must be in by 10pm, over at 7am Friday  
17-24

# Homeless YYA Initiative: Announcements



# Next Steps:



- Refer YYA to Count Us In
  - Daytime counting
  - Slumber Party/Squatters Count locations
- Attend a CE focus groups
- Follow up re: interest in participating or questions
- Host a Stakeholder Forum in 2013

Save the date:  
Next YYA Stakeholder Forum  
February 26, 2013, 2-3:30, Renton WorkSource



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